



## Fill in the gaps

### Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter (1)\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine from the upper hall.

She sees the bartender in a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've killed them all!'

Here comes the story of the Hurricane,

The man the authorities (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to blame

For somethin' that he never done.

Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been

The (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

Three (5)\_\_\_\_\_ lyin' there does (6)\_\_\_\_\_ see

And another man named Bello, movin' around mysteriously.

'I didn't do it,' he says, and he throws up his hands

'I was only robbin' the register, I hope you understand.

I saw them leavin',' he says, and he stops

'One of us had better call up the cops.'

And so Patty calls the cops

And they arrive on the scene with their red lights flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in another part of town

Rubin Carter and a couple of friends are drivin' around.

Number one contender for the middleweight crown

Had no idea what kinda shit was about to go down

When a cop pulled him over to the side of the road

Just like the time before and the time before that.

In Paterson that's just the way things go.

If you're black you might as well not (7)\_\_\_\_\_ up on the street

'Less you wanna draw the heat.

Alfred Bello had a partner and he had a rap for the cops.

Him and Arthur Dexter Bradley were just out prowlin' around



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He said, 'I saw two men runnin' out, they looked like middleweights

They jumped into a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And Miss (8)\_\_\_\_\_ Valentine just nodded her head.

Cop said, 'Wait a minute, boys, this one's not dead'

So they (9)\_\_\_\_\_ him to the infirmary

And (10)\_\_\_\_\_ this man could hardly see

They told him that he could identify the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital and they bring him upstairs.

The wounded man looks up through his one dyin' eye

Says, 'Wha'd you bring him in here for? He ain't the guy!'

Yes, here's the story of the Hurricane,

The man the authorities came to blame

For somethin' that he (11)\_\_\_\_\_ done.

Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.

Four months later, the ghettos are in flame,

Rubin's in South America, fightin' for his name

While Arthur Dexter Bradley's still in the robbery game

And the cops are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for somebody to blame.

'Remember that (12)\_\_\_\_\_ that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you said you saw the getaway car?'

'You think you'd like to play (13)\_\_\_\_\_ with the law?'

'Think it might-a been (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget that you are white.'

Arthur Dexter (16)\_\_\_\_\_ said, 'I'm really not sure.'

Cops said, 'A poor boy like you (17)\_\_\_\_\_ use a break

We got you for the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ job and we're talkin' to your friend Bello

Now you don't wanta have to go back to jail, be a nice fellow.

You'll be doin' society a favor.



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That sonofabitch is brave and gettin' braver.

We want to put his ass in stir

We want to pin this triple murder on him

He ain't no Gentleman Jim.'

Rubin could take a man out with just one punch

But he never did like to (19)\_\_\_\_\_ about it all that much.

It's my work, he'd say, and I do it for pay

And when it's over I'd just as soon go on my way

Up to some paradise

Where the trout streams flow and the air is nice

And ride a horse along a trail.

But then they took him to the jail house

Where (20)\_\_\_\_\_ try to turn a man into a mouse.

All of Rubin's (21)\_\_\_\_\_ were marked in advance

The (22)\_\_\_\_\_ was a pig-circus, he (23)\_\_\_\_\_ had a chance.

The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the white folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum

And to the black folks he was (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a crazy nigger.

No one doubted that he pulled the trigger.

And though they (25)\_\_\_\_\_ not produce the gun,

The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed

And the all-white jury agreed.

Rubin (26)\_\_\_\_\_ was falsely tried.

The crime was murder 'one,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, (27)\_\_\_\_\_ all went along for the ride.

How can the (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of such a man

Be in the palm of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't help but make me feel ashamed to live in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their coats and their ties

Are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise

While Rubin sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell

An innocent man in a living hell.

That's the (29)\_\_\_\_\_ of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till they (30)\_\_\_\_\_ his name

And give him back the time he's done.

Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.



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### Answer

1. Patty
2. pool
3. came
4. champion
5. bodies
6. Patty
7. show
8. Patty
9. took
10. though
11. never
12. murder
13. ball
14. that
15. fighter
16. Bradley
17. could
18. motel
19. talk
20. they
21. cards
22. trial
23. never
24. just
25. could
26. Carter
27. they
28. life
29. story
30. clear